

REMARKS:

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15. Claims 1 and 15 are amended herein, and new claim 16 is added. No new matter is presented. Thus, claims 1-16 are pending and under consideration. The rejections are traversed below.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

Claims 1-15 are being rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,915,240 (Karpf).

Karpf is directed to a computer system and method for accessing medical information over a network. In column 2, lines 53-59, column 11, lines 23-24, and column 7, lines 39-50, Karpf discusses a MedLkUp-server that communicates directly with a MedLkUp-client. In contrast to Karpf, the claimed client is provided with data from an information disclosing server through a portal server. That is, the claimed client obtains the display data created by the portal server and displays the data (see claim 1, and Fig. 1 and lines 1-6 at page 7 of the Applicant's specification). Thus, it is submitted that Karpf omits, for example, a communication device (the claimed portal server) that is provided between the claimed client and the claimed information disclosing server that allows the information disclosing server to disclose contents to the client.

Further, as pointed out by the Examiner in item 21 on page 10 of the Office Action, Karpf teaches that the MedLkUp-client maintains a local database of the medical information (see column 2, lines 53-55 of Karpf). It is submitted that the MedLkUp-client of Karpf is not the same as the claimed client because the claimed client is not concerned with maintaining a database.

The present invention as recited in claim 1 (as amended herein), for example, relates to an information processing system comprising "a client for obtaining the display data created by the portal server and displaying the data." The portal server comprises "display data creating means for obtaining, in the case of a request having been made from the client, the appropriate additional information from the additional information storage means and for creating display data; and sending means for sending display data created by the display data creating means to the client which made a request."

Independent claims 10, 12 and 13 also recite that the information disclosing server of the present invention stores "contents [and] additional information indicating the respective attributes of contents" (claims 10 and 11) and the portal server obtains "additional information stored in the

information disclosing server" for creating "display data" based on the additional information (claim 13).

Independent claim 14 recites, "the portal server storing the obtained additional information" and "a display data creating unit acquiring the stored additional information for creating display data upon receipt of a request from a client", and independent claim 15 recites, "acquiring a requested content from the information disclosing server and creating a corresponding file in the portal server" for displaying data to a user based on the created file "in the portal server".

Karpf does not teach or suggest an information processing system including "a client for obtaining the display data created by the portal server and displaying the data" (claim 1) and "a portal server" (claims 12, 14 and 15) that obtains "additional information indicating respective attributes of contents to be disclosed" (claims 10 and 11), instead, the MedLkUp-server of Karpf directly communicates with a MedLkUp-client.

It is submitted that the independent claims a1 and 10-15 re patentable over Karpf.

For at least the above-mentioned reasons, claims depending from independent claims 1 and 5-11 are patentably distinguishable over Karpf. The dependent claims are also independently patentable. For example, as recited in claim 7, the information processing system includes "user additional information storage means for storing additional information according to users, wherein the editing means also edits additional information stored in the user additional information storage means" and "... the display data creating means also creates display data from additional information stored in the user additional information storage means."

The Karpf method does not teach or suggest, "additional information according to users, wherein the editing means also edits additional information stored in the user additional information storage means" and "... the display data creating means also creates display data from additional information stored in the user additional information storage means", as recited in dependent claim 7.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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